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FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 1894.

THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.



Banks.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.
AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED £1,185,000

BANKERS:—
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.
INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT
ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent.
per annua on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 Months 5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 "
" 3 " 3 "

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [20]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,000,000

Subscribed Capital £500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.
H. Stolterfoth, Esq.

Cafe Manager,

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and
Amoy.

BANKERS:—
The Commercial Bank of Scotland.
Paris Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)

Interest for 12 Months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [17]

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND
THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £3,000,000

CAPITAL PAID-UP £251,993.15.0

BANKERS:—
CAPITAL & COUNTIES BANK, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:

No. 3, PRINCE'S STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:

BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI.

AGENCIES:

PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST,

ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNTS
and Fixed Deposits can be ascertained
on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange
business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,

Manager.

Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [210]

Insurances.

THE
STANDARD.
ENDOWMENT
ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANTAGES of this form of Assurance, the following may be mentioned:—

(a)—It secures an immediate Provision for wife and family or other relatives in event of early death.

(b)—It provides a Fund for Retirement.

(c)—It supplies an excellent Investment for the regular accumulation of small fixed sums of money.

(d)—The Surrender and loan values are larger than under ordinary Policies.

2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN THREE YEARS IN FORCE—should the Policy-holder wish to discontinue future payments—he will be entitled to receive, on application, a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a proportionate amount of the Sum Assured, as explained in the Prospectus.

Full particulars on application.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,

Agents,

STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [747]

Notice.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
etc. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

HEAD OFFICE:

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1893. [188]

General Notice.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 } \$833,333.33:

EQUAL TO £318,000.00

RESERVE FUND £318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LIM SING, Esq. | LO YEK MOON, Esq.

LOU TSO SHUN, Esq. |

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, etc., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
World.

HEAD OFFICE, B & 9, PRAYA WEST,
Hongkong, 17th December, 1893. [174]

Intimations.

GOVERNMENT BILLS.

TENDERS for SPECIE:—MEXICAN
DOLLARS Current in this Colony, and
weighing 7.17, in Exchange for Sterling Bills
drawn at 10 days sight on the Lords Commissioners
of Her Majesty's Treasury, London, will
be received by the Chief Paymaster, Army Pay
Department, until 10:30 A.M. on TUESDAY,
the 10th April, 1894.

The Tenders to state the total amount required
in Pounds Sterling, and the amount for which
each Bill should be drawn, but no Bills will be
issued for sums less than £100.

The Tenders to be in duplicate, and in sealed
covers addressed to the Chief Paymaster, Army
Pay Department, and endorsed "Tenders for
Government Bills."

The right to accept or reject any or all of the
Tenders is reserved.

WILLIAM L. BARR,
Chief Paymaster, China.
Her Majesty's Treasury Office,
Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 5th April, 1894. [438]

SHANGHAI RACES.

RETURN TICKETS. FIRST SALOON,
for the above RACES can be obtained
on and after this date by the Steamers of the
undermentioned Lines, available for one month
from date of issue.

FARE £60.

H. H. JOSPH,
Superintendent, P. & O. N. C.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent, M. M. Co.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1894. [437]

THE PHARMACY.

FLETCHER & Co. Dispensing and Retail
Chemists, Perfumers, Druggists, Sundries
and Patent Medicine Vendors.

KEPLER'S MALT £14.00
KEPLER'S MALT and OIL £14.00
SCOTT'S EMULSION £13.00
SCOTT'S EMULSION £13.00

TOILET ACCESSORIES.

Perfume Bottles, Cut Crystals, Combs, Brushes,
Sponges, Sponge Bags, Flesh Gloves
and Belts.

Perfumers:—Pinaud, Atkinson, Colgate, Rick-
secker and Brown Perfumery Co.

Hongkong, 23rd September, 1893. [28]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL ROTISSERIE
has been RE-OPENED under new and
experienced management.

THE STRICTEST ATTENTION paid to the
CUISINE.

A STAFF of thoroughly trained and specially
selected servants has been engaged and is under
the immediate supervision of the Manager.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1894. [198]

BOARD AND RESIDENCE,

No. 1, VICTORIA VIEW, KOWLOON.

MRS. SMITH and Mrs. LEWIS have
taken the above admirably situated
Establishment from April 1st, where VISITORS
will find every Accommodation at moderate
rates.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1894. [420]

THOMAS' GRILL ROOMS,

(Corner of Queen's Road and Duddell Street.)

THE Undersigned has always thought that
such a place as this was the one thing
needed to fit in between HOTEL LIFE and the
PRIVATE BOARDING HOUSE—providing it be
Fit-and-Fit in every detail. A place where one
may have his GRILLED CHOP or STEAK
at any hour of the Day, up to 11 P.M.; or later
if notice be given. He is also prepared to
SUPPLY MEALS to PRIVATE PARTIES

PER MENU or ORDER—the Parties sending
Dishes, &c., for same—and Cash. Scale on
application.

Monthly Board for One Person £35.00

Tiffin £1.00

AMERICAN FROZEN OYSTERS always
on hand and served in every Style.

Breakfast £0.50

Tiffin £0.75

Dinner £1.00

SPECIAL TIFFINS and DINNERS served
in Excellent Style at short notice.

W. THOMAS,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1894. [511]

J. W. KEW & CO'S STEAM WATER BOATS.

PURE FRESH WATER.

THE attention of SHIPPERS, AGENTS and
CAPTAINS is called to the Superior Quality of
TETTVA FILTERED WATER offered by

J. W. KEW & Co., also to the advantages

derived from their being able to Supply their
Water in one-fourth the time occupied by the
old fashioned and obsolete hand pumps.

No impeding the loading or discharging of
Cargo. Call flag "W," Commercial Code.

J. W. KEW & Co.

c/o Carmichael & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1894. [694]

NGAI SHANG,

20, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

R. A. T. TAN FURNITURE
of Every Description.

CHAIRS, COUCHES, TABLES, BASKETS,

CHILDREN'S COTS, &c., &c.

Latest Patterns, Best Workmanship.

Atto.

Rattan, Core, Split Rattan, Canton Reed and
Spirals of all kinds.

Hongkong, 28th November, 1893. [355]

G. FALCONER & CO.,

WATCH and CHRONOMETER MANU-

FACTURERS and JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,

CHARTS and BOOKS.

No. 49, Queen's Road Central. [693]

Intimations.

KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

BOOKS RELATING TO HORSES AND RIDING.

HAVES' RIDING ON THE FLAT AND
ACROSS COUNTRY.

Hayes' Points of the Horse.

Hayes' Veterinary Notes for Horse Owners.

Hayes' Soundness and Age of Horses.

Hayes' Training & Horse Management in India.

Hayes' Illustrated Horse Breeding.

The Horsewoman, by Mrs. Hayes.

Riding for Ladies, by Mrs. O'Donnoghue.

Riding for Horsewomen, by Mrs. Alibut.

School Training for Horses, by Anderson.

Modern Horsemanship, by Anderson.

The Horse: Management in Health and Disease,

by G. Armstrong.

Riding for Pupils, by "A Pupil."

Badminton Riding.

Badminton Driving.

Modern Horsemanship, by Anderson.

The Horse: Management in Health and Disease,

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 1894.

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & CO., LTD.

WARM CLOTHES.

THESE will all be spoilt before next cold weather unless properly taken care of.

NAPHTHALINE

is the best thing to keep away Moths, &c., and prevent clothes smelling nasty.

FIFTY CENTS PER TIN.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1894.

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A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

On and after the 1st April, 1894, the Prices of our WINES and SPIRITS will be as follows:—

P. R. T.

(For Invalids and general Use.)	
B	Vintage, superior quality, Red Capsule
 \$14.40
C	Fine Old Vintage, superior quality, Black Seal Capsule
D	Vin Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled)
 20.40

Port after removal should be rested for a month before use. Wine required for drinking at once should be decanted at the Dispensary before sent out. These wines are too well known to need comment.

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony, or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

S H E R R Y.

Per dozen Cases.	
B	Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule
 \$10.80
C	Mirianilla, Pale Natural Sherry, Pale Capsule ..
 12.00
C C	Superior Old Dry, Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule
 12.00
D	Vin Superior Old Pale Dry, choice Old Wine, White Seal Capsule
 14.40
E	Extra Superior Old Pale Dry, very robust quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bottled)
 20.40
B	C and C are excellent dinner wines or for invalids and delicate stomachs. D and E are after-dinner wines of a very superior vintage. All are the Xeres wines.
	Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates.
	We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony, or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

C L A R E T.

Per Case.	Per Case.
1 doz.	1 doz.
Quart.	Pint.
B St. Estephe, Red Capsule	\$6.60 7/56
C St. Julien, Red Capsule	9.00 9.60
D L. Rose, Red Capsule	12.00
Saint Fay	7.20 7.92
Couac	9.60 10.44
Chateau d'Anglade	13.20 14.40
Chateau Haut-Brun Larivelle	18.00 19.20
Chateau Mouton d'Armail	21.00 22.20

Our Claret, including the lowest priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of its grapes, and are not artificially made from raisins and currants, as is generally the case with cheap wines.

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates.

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H O C K.

Per Case.	Per Case.
Nienhuis	\$12.00
Rudolphheimer	21.00
Hochheimer	24.00

BURGUNDY.

Chablis, white wine	15.00
Muscat, superior white wine	18.00
Volney, very superior red wine	21.00

MADEIRA AND CHAMPAGNE.

Full particulars of the various Brands on application.

B R A N D Y.

Per dozen Cases.	Per dozen Cases.
A Hennessy's Old Pale, Red Capsule	\$14.40
B Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule	16.20
C Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1872 vintage, Red Capsule	20.40
D Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1872 vintage, Red Capsule	36.00
E Fine Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1862 vintage	48.00

All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure Cognac, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony, or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

W H I S K Y.

Per dozen Cases.	Per dozen Cases.
A Thorne's Blend, White Capsule	\$10.80
B Wilson's Glenorchy Mellow Blend, Blue Capsule with Name and Trade Mark	10.80

Per dozen Cases.	Per dozen Cases.
C Wilson's Aclouri-Glenlivet, Red Capsule with Name and Trade Mark	12.00
D Wilson's H. K. D Blend of the Finest Scotch Malt Whisky, Blue Capsule	14.40
E Wilson's Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule	15.00
F Daniel Crawford's Finest Very Old Scotch Whisky	14.40

Intimations.

Our lowest priced Whisky is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. We recommend our customers not to be deterred by the lowness of price from trying them all. For a soda-whisky, Thomas's Blend and Watson's Glenorchy are equal to any. Aclouri-Glenlivet is very old Peat Whisky, that could not be replaced in stock at the price. D and E are too well known to need comment. IRISH—

Per dozen Cases.

A John Jameson's Old, Green Capsule

\$12.00

B John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule

15.00

C John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule

18.00

All these are very fine and old. C has been stocked in Hongkong in wood for 20 years, there being little sale for Irish Whisky in the Colony.

AMERICAN—

Per dozen Cases.

Genuine Bourbon Whisky, Fine Old, Red Capsule, with our Name and Trade Mark

\$15.00

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony, or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

G I N.

Per dozen Cases.

A Fine Old Tom, White Capsule

\$7.20

B Fine Unsweetened, White Capsule

7.00

R U M.

Fine Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule

\$15.00

Good Leeward Island

6.00

Good Leeward Island

\$2.50 per Gallon.

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates.

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L I Q U E U R S.

Benedictine, Maraschino, Curacao, Herring's Cherry Cordial, Chartreuse, Dr. Sieger's Angostura Bitters, &c.

PRICES ON APPLICATION.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1894.

In the past. For weeks past the supply of water has been quite inadequate for the ordinary requirements of householders; it has been going from bad to worse day after day, and should the rainy season delay its appearance much longer, condensing apparatus will be required to keep life in the colony. As matters stand at present the drains cannot be properly flushed, which means that the health of the colony is in consequence seriously threatened. And could anything be more discreditable than the utter helplessness of the Fire Brigade on Wednesday night, owing to no water being available?

A CONTEMPORARY states that a collection of waka, or verses in honour of the Mikado's silver wedding, is shortly to be published in Tokyo, and that over 1,000 of these literary contributions have already been sent in. After all, Hongkong is not the most awful place on earth.

SPECIAL attention is directed to the notification in our advertising columns with respect to a new race for to-morrow's Sky Meeting. The C.M.G. community has subscribed \$10, for a special cup, for Metropolitan camels, weight for inches, once round the harbour and in. Tenders are invited for the construction of the Cup.

The official report on the earthquake in Japan on March 22nd states that the direction was S. to N., and the duration ten minutes. The maximum horizontal motion was 5.3 millimetres, for 3.6 seconds: the maximum perpendicular motion was slight, and the nature of the shock slow. On the same day between 2h. 30m. 37s. and 10h. 56m. 45s. there were 60 tremors. The earthquake was most severely felt at Atsugishi, Kubushiro province, Hokkaido, where 25 houses were demolished.

At the Magistrate this morning Mr. H. E. Wodehouse dismissed the charge brought by Constable Pepper against the Opium Farmer in which it was stated that the latter had moved four chests of opium in the waters of the Colony after prohibited hours on the 31st ultimo. Mr. Francis, Q.C., instructed by Mr. H. D. Dennis, appeared for the defence and contended that the section of *Ordinance 22 of 1891*, under which the charge was framed did not apply. It referred to the delivery of opium from one person to another. It was absurd to suppose that the Opium Farmer would be required to sign or apply for a removal permit for his own drug when transferred from one part of the colony to another. His Worship agreed with the learned counsel and dismissed the case, but stated he was of opinion that the police could bring a fresh charge against the Farmer under section 15 of *Ordinance 88 of 1891*. Of course the police took the hint, and the case will therefore be heard before two magistrates at an early date, when the Crown Solicitor will probably prosecute.

ANARCHISM IN PARIS.

LONDON, April 4th, 1894.

Another bomb outrage has been perpetrated at Paris, in a restaurant opposite the Senate House. Three persons were seriously injured.

THE SEIGNORAGE COINAGE BILL.

The United States House of Representatives has failed to pass the *Seignorage Coinage Bill*, which was vetoed by President Cleveland.

MEETING OF CROWNED HEADS.

The King of Italy and the Emperor of Germany met at Venice on Saturday.

HOME RULE FOR SCOTLAND.

The House of Commons, by a vote of one hundred and eighty against one hundred and seventy, adopted a motion put forward by Mr. J. D. Dalziel (M.P. for Kirkcaldy) in favour of creating Home Rule legislature for Scotland.

The Share Market.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—9 per cent., prem., sellers.
The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on £8,000 paid up, \$25, sellers.
The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders shares, nominal.
The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—nominal.
The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—Founders' shares, nominal.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1883 B—2½ per cent., prem., sellers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—2 per cent., prem., buyers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—14 per cent., prem., buyers.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$130 per share, sales and sellers.
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$62 per share, sellers.
North China Insurance—Tls. 185 per share, sellers.
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$132 per share, sales and sellers.
Yangtze Insurance Association—\$70, sales and buyers.
Oil Tal Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 15 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$185 per share, sellers.
China Fire Insurance Company—\$79 per share, sales and buyers.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$26 per share, sales and sellers.
China and Manilla Steam. Ship Company—\$54 ex. div., sellers.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—40 per cent. discount, sellers.
Douglas Steamship Company—\$49, sales and buyers.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$2 per cent. premium, sales and buyers.
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$21 per share, sales and buyers.
Hongkong Hotel Company—\$12 per share, sellers.
Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$50.
The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.
The Shamen Hotel Co., Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.
Punjab Mining Co.—\$71 per share, sellers.
The Rang Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$485 per share, sales and buyers.
The Belmore Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$10 per share, sales and buyers.
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin—\$60 per share, sellers.
The Jelebu Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$6, sellers.
London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—\$12.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$165 per share, ex. div., sellers.
Luson Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$40, sales and buyers.
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$98, sales and buyers.
Dakin, Culchshank & Co., Limited—\$1 per share, sales and buyers.
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$7 per share, sales and sellers.
The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$8 per share, sales and buyers.
The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$52, sales and buyers.
The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—\$18 per share, buyers.
H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$8 per share, sellers.
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$37 per share, sales and sellers.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$2 per share, ex. div., buyers.
Hongkong Gas Company—\$120 per share, buyers.
Hongkong Ice Company—\$80 per share, sales and sellers.
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$40 per share, sales and sellers.
The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$51 per share, buyers.
The Green Island Cement Co.—\$88, buyers.
The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$45, sales and buyers.
The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$25 per share, nominal.
The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$57, sales and sellers.

EXCHANGE.

On LONDON—Bank, T. 2/0
Bank Bills, on demand 2/0
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/0
Credits at 4 months' sight 2/0
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/1
On PARIS—
Bank Bills, on demand 2/53
Credits, at 4 months' sight 2/01
On INDIA—
T. T. 178
On Demand 178
On SHANGAI—
Bank, T. T. 72½
Private, 30 days' sight 73

VISITORS AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashmors. Mr. W. C. McNaughton. Mr. B. Biroto. Mr. and Mrs. Marten. Mr. J. de Rego Barros. Mr. C. Matell. Rev. S. A. Baylee. Hon. W. E. Maxwell. Mr. Beauchamp. Mr. F. Murray. Mr. R. Benohr. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McQuade. Captain W. Caldecott. Mrs. McQuade, maid and 3 children. Mr. T. Mitchell. Mr. T. Morony. Mr. C. N. Charlton. Rev. J. M. Morton. Mr. H. C. Dingle. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Parfitt. Mr. V. Perkes. Mr. F. van der Ploffen. Miss. von der Ploffen and two children. Mrs. Phillips. Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Powell. Mr. D. Galva. Mr. R. Garvey. Mr. F. S. Hamilton. Mrs. Hardin. Mr. and Mrs. Black. Hawkins. Misses Black Hawkins. Mr. C. M. Ruston. Captain Henderson. Mr. J. C. Hill. Colonel J. C. Hill. Mr. R. H. Irish. Mr. H. Ingles. Mr. M. Jones. Mr. C. W. Johnson. Mr. J. Kinghorn. Captain Kirby, R.N. Mr. J. Kirkwood. Baron and Baroness de Lardario. Mr. W. Lloyd. Mr. A. Lyall.

VISITORS AND RESIDENTS AT THE PEAK HOTEL.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Grimble. Mr. J. Chaudel. Capt. and Mrs. Hunt. Mr. J. Murray. Mr. MacLean. Mr. A. Findlay-Smith. Mr. Medhurst. Mr. Stokes. Capt. and Mrs. Moore. Capt. & Mrs. Walman.

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The Norddeutscher Lloyd's steamer *Sachsen*, with the outward German mail, left Singapore on the 5th instant, and may be expected here on the 10th.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Surat*, with the outward English mail, left Singapore at 3 p.m. on the 3rd instant, and may be expected here on the 8th.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Gaule*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama, on the 20th ultimo.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Peking*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama on the 29th ultimo.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamer *Empress of India*, with the Canadian mail, left Vancouver on the 3rd instant for Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki, Shanghai and Hongkong.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The D. D. R. steamer *Oceania* left Singapore on the 4th instant, and may be expected here on the 11th.

The 'Glen' line steamer *Glenfrute*, from London and Straits, left Singapore on the 5th instant, and may be expected here on the 12th.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

JAVA, British steamer, 5,632, F. N. Tillard, 5th April.—Shanghai and April, General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

HAITIAN, British steamer, 1,182, F. D. Goddard, 6th April.—Fochow 3rd April, Amoy 4th, Swatow 5th, General—D. Laprade & Co.

FEZER, Danish steamer, 307, C. L. Strand 6th April.—Pakho 3rd April, and Hohow 5th, General—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

CHINGTU, British steamer, 1,045, R. Jones, 6th April.—Sydney 13th March, General—Butterfield & Swire.

DEUTZAKOS, German steamer, 1,188, W. A. Dinsse, 6th April.—Canton 6th April, General—Siemens & Co.

EMPEROR OF CHINA, British steamer, 4,003, R. Archibald, R.N.R., 27th March.—Vancouver 5th March, Yokohama 19th, Kobe 21st, Nagasaki 22nd, and Shanghai 24th, General—C. P. R. Co.

FORMOSA, British steamer, 680, T. Hall, 6th April.—Tamsui 3rd April, and Amoy 5th, General—D. Laprade & Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Progress, German steamer, for Kobe.

Meijo, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai.

Ningpo, German steamer, for Shanghai.

Swatow, British steamer, for Canton.

Gwallor, British steamer, for Nagasaki.

DEPARTURES.

April 6, *Atrile*, British steamer, for Macao, Port Darwin and Sydney.

April 6, *Fookang*, British str., for Canton.

April 6, *Thales*, British str., for Swatow, &c.

April 6, *Ting-yan*, Chinese d'apibus, for Shanghai.

April 6, *King-yan*, Chinese cruiser, for Shanghai.

April 6, *Chen-yan*, Chinese cruiser, for Shanghai.

April 6, *Lot-yan*, Chinese cruiser, for Shanghai.

April 6, *Chu-yan*, Chinese cruiser, for Shanghai.

April 6, *Achilles*, British steamer, for Amoy.

April 6, *Swatow*, British str., for Amoy.

April 6, *Progress*, German steamer, for Kobe.

April 6, *Yatze*, Norwegian steamer, for Saigon.

April 6, *Spindalis*, British str., for Singapore.

April 6, *Phra Chom Klao*, British steamer, for Singapore.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per *Java*, from Shanghai—Dr. and Mrs. Maclead, Miss Maclead, Miss Falconer, and Master Ferone.

Per *Ferion*, from Pakho, &c.—2 Europeans and 70 Chinese.

Per *Hutton*, from Fochow, &c.—Rev. and Mrs. Foster and 3 children, Messrs. Bowman, C. M. Chin, and 17 Chinese.

Per *Formosa*, from Tamsui, &c.—3 Chinese.

Per *Chingtu*, from Sydney—Mr. and Miss Tebb, Mr. and Mrs. Black-Hawkins, Misses Black-Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Drysdale, Messrs. Barretto, Starkey, Murray, Mallon, Stirling, Carrington, Fisher, Macnaughton, and 35 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The British steamship *Chingtu* reports that she left Sydney on the 13th ultimo. From Sydney to Port Darwin had bad fresh winds and rainy weather. From Port Darwin to Hongkong had fine weather and light winds from north to north-east in the China Seas.

The British steamship *Formosa* reports that she left Tamsui on the 3rd instant, and Amoy on the 6th. From Tamsui to Amoy had light south-westerly breeze and fine weather. Ockham to thence to Dodd Island had thick fog. From Dodd Island to Amoy had light south-westerly breeze and fine weather. From Amoy to Hongkong had light south-westerly breeze and fine weather. In Amoy the steamship *Holme* reports that she left Fochow on the 3rd instant. From Fochow had light south-east breeze and thick fog; thence to Amoy had light breeze and clear weather with smooth sea. From Amoy to Chapel Island and to the Brothers had light south-west breeze and thick fog; thence to Swatow had light south-west breeze and clear weather with smooth sea. From Swatow to Chelang Point had moderate light south-east breeze and clear weather; thence to Singje Island had thick fog, and to port light westerly breeze and clear weather. In Fochow the steamships *Obi* and *Hastian*. In Amoy the steamships *Sungkian*, *Formosa*, *Cass*, and *Poach*. In Swatow H.M.S. *Plymouth* and the steamship *Taiwan*.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE—

For Singapore and Bangkok.—Per *Chow* to-morrow, the 7th instant, at 11:30 A.M. For Straits and London.—Per *Java* to-morrow, the 7th instant, at 11:30 A.M.

For Swatow.—Per *Nanhai* to-morrow, the 7th instant, at 3:30 P.M.

For Shanghai.—Per *Ningpo* to-morrow, the 7th instant, at 3:30 P.M.

For Swatow and Shanghai.—Per *Canton* to-morrow, the 7th instant, at 3:30 P.M.

For Saigon.—Per *Holme* to-morrow, the 7th instant, at 4:30 P.M.

For Saigon.—Per *Decima* to-morrow, the 7th instant, at 4:30 P.M.

For Amoy and Manila.—Per *Emralda* to-morrow, the 7th instant, at 4:30 P.M.

For Kobe.—Per *Danvers* to-morrow, the 7th instant, at 4:30 P.M.

For Swatow, Amoy, & Tamsui.—Per *For-*

ward to-morrow, the 7th instant, at 5 P.M.

For Holow and Hulphong.—Per *Han* on Sunday, the 8th instant, at 9 A.M.

For Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, and Tacoma.—Per *Victoria* on Tuesday, the 10th instant, at 11:30 A.M.

For Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, and Vancouver, B.C.—Per *Empress of China* on Wednesday, the 11th instant, at 11 A.M.

For Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, and San Francisco.—Per *City of Rio de Janeiro* on Wednesday, the 11th instant, at 5 P.M.

For Europe, India, &c., via Bombay.—Per *Rohilla* on Thursday, the 12th instant, at 11 A.M.

For Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta.—Per *Wingang* on Friday, the 13th instant, at 11:30 A.M.

For Singapore.—Per *Nebo* on Friday, the 13th instant, at 3:30 P.M.

For Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama.—Per *Amoy* on Friday, the 13th instant, at 5 P.M.

For Europe, &c., &c.—Per *Sachsen* on Monday, the 10th instant, at 2:30 P.M.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG

STEAMERS.

ACME, French steamer, 200.—Geo. R. Stevens.

AVOCET, British steamer, 1,150, T. Row, 4th April.—Saigon 29th March, Rice—Mclchers & Co.

BENHUR, British steamer, 1,035, J. H. Clark, 4th April.—Saigon 30th March, Rice—Paddy—Club, Livingston & Co.

BORNEO, Dutch steamer, 1,495, J. S. Theunissen, 3rd April.—Samrong 24th March, Sugar—Tong Kee.

CHOWA, British steamer, 1,055, F. W. Phillips, 1st April.—Bangkok 26th March, Rice—Yuen Fat Hong.

CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO, American steamer, J. F. Smith, 1st April.—San Francisco 8th March—Yokohama 27th March, Mails and General—P.M. S. S. Co.

DEUTZAKOS, German steamer, 1,188, W. A. Dinsse, 6th April.—Canton 6th April, General—Siemens & Co.

EMPEROR OF CHINA, German steamer, 4,003, R. Archibald, R.N.R., 27th March.—Vancouver 5th March, Yokohama 19th, Kobe 21st, Nagasaki 22nd, and Shanghai 24th, General—C. P. R. Co.

FORMOSA, British steamer, 680, T. Hall, 6th April.—Tamsui 3rd April, and Amoy 5th, General—D. Laprade & Co.

FAME, British steamer, 1,107, J. F. Denny, 31st March.—Saigon 26th March, General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

HANOL, French steamer, 730, T. V. Chodzko, 5th April.—Haliphong 3rd April, General—A. R. Mart.

HOLSTEIN, German steamer, 1,103, J. Bruhn, 5th

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is unfair to speculate "what might have been." Still, it is fair enough to conclude that the harbour-water had been used exclusively, there might have been more fresh water left in Tsim-tsun now. When once the order was given to pump up water from the sea to the steam engines ashore, several splendid jets were soon playing in the fire, and in a very few moments the struggle was practically decided; half an hour later, it was as good as finished. Prior to that, only two jets—one in Queen's Road and one in Bonham Strand—had been able to rise above the pavement! Yet thousands of gallons—six jets of (say) 23 inches diameter, emitting probably five gallons each per second—were being thrown on the ground. Not that there was any danger of the groundcatching fire!

In the course of their regular drills, the firemen get plenty of practice at running out hose, wading up water-men, turning the hose on—water-hose water is only taught them as a special and very extraordinary measure. Surely this is a gross blunder on the part of the authorities. It should be made a rule to use harbour water first of all, and stick to that exclusively in ordinary cases. A little extra length of hose and a little change of drill would make all the difference. I don't say it would have saved any of the houses on Wednesday, but it would save the drinking water of the Colony. What is the objection? The motto of the Fire Brigade seems to be "never use sea water as long as there is a drop of fresh," and "never turn off the mains even if they are no use turned on."

Yours faithfully,

T. C. C.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1894.

THE ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.

To THE EDITOR OF "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

DEAR SIR.—As it may interest your readers, I beg to forward you the following particulars in connection with the eclipse of the sun on this date.

The events recorded are copied from a journal published in Madras—the article on the subject being contributed by an astrologer under the nom-de-plume "Sephastus."

As most of the events prognosticated are certainly not of a vague nature, and as they refer to things which (if true) are of supreme import to those connected with India and China, the publication of this will give your readers the chance of testing the question as to whether there is any truth or not in astrology as a science.

1.—"Emperor of China will be in danger."

2.—"Probable rising in China and series of national calamities."

3.—"A case of death will occur in the Viceregal Council of India."

4.—"Some sedition will take place in the ranks of the Indian Army."

5.—"Philippine Islands, and South Coast of China likely to experience shocks of earthquake about the first inst."

6.—"Very bad spring crops may be expected in China."

7.—"Violent typhoons in China, and cyclones in Bay of Bengal are sure to follow the eclipse."

8.—"There will be troubles in India, and accidents in connection with Indian Railway and Postal Service."

9.—"Great troubles may be expected almost on the heel of the eclipse. Property and crops will suffer terribly."

10.—"The influence of the eclipse will not last longer than five months and a half. (Probably on the calculation that the eclipse lasts upon the earth about 5 hours.)

Some little time will elapse before the chief events will be manifest, but after May 24th events will follow in quick succession.

The following dates will have their marks in Indian annals and probably in those of China also.

April 7th—15th—24th—and 26th.

May 4th—22nd—and 23rd.

June 10th.

July 8th—15th.

August 7th.

The evil effects will be most disastrous in China.

In connection with the above ugly prophecies it occurs to me that the mantle of Jeremias must have been lent to Sephastus for the time being.

Yours faithfully,

JUMBO.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1894.

CANTON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Canton, April 5th.

The Canton Municipal Council is again courting notoriety. Money is wanted, to repair the roads and bridges, I suppose; a tax of \$5 per annum has therefore been imposed on every dog or son of a dog in the Shamian.

Well, of course the roads and bridges would be much the better for a little touching-up, but there might easily be better ways to raise the wind—no doubt some of the world-famed philanthropists of Hongkong would assist if only they were given the opportunity; some of them make a special study of cruelty to animals! It is perfectly true that dogs may become a nuisance when they are under no restriction at all; but \$5 a year would have been an ample impost—I think that is what you pay in Hongkong, is it not?

Perhaps that would not bring in all the money that is wanted; but there is no reason for such an exorbitant tax on the poor dogs. There are other nuisances well worth suppressing by prohibitive licence fees in Shamian—much worse nuisances than dogs; those that arrive every evening in chairs, and disappear in the houses of some well-known residents, and later, on, promenade about the best walks on the Shamian, to the exclusion of respectable women, who do not care to take their evening walks in such company. Why not charge these things \$5 per head?

Anyhow, I consider this \$5 dog-tax an infernal imposition, and I don't mean to pay it. A notice was circulated threatening that all dogs will be killed if not paid for; but if anybody gets at my Newfoundland and kills him, there will be a violent end to every dog that comes within my power. Please send me up, as a preliminary, half a pailful of arsenic; but put it up in cocoons, or else the Customs people might wonder what it was and might taste it—which would be a pity!

NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The China Navigation Co.'s steamer *Ching-tu*, Capt. R. Innes, with the Australian mail, arrived in harbour this morning. We take the following items from our Sydney exchanges:

LONDON, March 8th.

Telegrams from the Cape report that a conflict has taken place between the British and the Portuguese at Tete, on the River Zambezi, in Portuguese Africa. An attempt was made to land a party from a British gunboat at Tete, in connection with the building of the Zambezi telegraph line, but the Portuguese offered some opposition.

The officer in charge wired the details of the conflict to Mr. Cecil Rhodes, Premier of Cape Colony, and reinforcements are being despatched.

to the aid of the British. The Portuguese forces at Tete are also being reinforced.

Later.

Further particulars are to hand regarding the conflict at Tete, on the Zambezi River between the Portuguese and a party from a British gunboat that had landed in connection with the construction of the Zambezi telegraph. It is reported that the Portuguese deliberately obstructed the operations of the British by removing the poles erected to carry the wires. They carried out their work of obstruction under cover of fire from the forts. The commander of the British gunboat warned them to desist, or he would fire. The Portuguese, however, completely ignored the warning, and the order to open fire was given.

Latest advices from West Africa state that the British are shelling Gonjor, and that the enemy is giving them a hot return with Martin-Henry rifles from entrenched in the sand banks. Boats from the warships have been unable to effect a landing owing to the hot fire. The efforts of the British attacking force are now confined to an inspection of the enemy's position, with a view to discover a weak point in the defence. It is intended to make a land attack, and a hull has occurred in hostilities.

The native houses at Jambus have been burned by the British, who found it empty, save for the relics of the slain.

LATER.

A report from West Africa states that Major Madden's force has captured Brekanbar after an hour's engagement. Gonjor, the native settlement near Bathurst, will be attacked in force to-morrow.

A sensational suicide occurred at Blackheath Railway Bridge. A porter employed on one of the lines deliberately placed himself in front of an approaching train, and was killed immediately.

The London City Council has decided, by the casting vote of the Lord Mayor, to throw open on Sundays the picture gallery and museum attached to the Guildhall.

It is stated that the Government of the United States will not support the proposed British Pacific cable from Canada to Australia.

Ex-King Milan, of Servia, father of the present sovereign, Alexander I., has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Servian army.

It is reported that during the attack on the rebel stronghold at Gonjor, near Bathurst, the capital of Gambia, West Africa, the gunboats, firing at random, endangered the British land forces, in consequence of the scrub intervening between the native forts and the beach. The natives, who are armed with Martini-Henry rifles, are harassing the British force.

The Paris police are pursuing their policy of activity in suppressing the anarchist movement. Amongst the suspects recently arrested in connection with the outrages is M. Boudin, father of the anarchist, Martial Boudin, who was a few weeks ago killed by the accidental explosion at Greenwich Park, London.

The followers among the Irish National party of Timothy Healy, M.P., are demanding from the Earl of Rosebery an assurance that he will proceed with the Home Rule Bill.

The Earl of Rosebery has written to Mr. Hensher Heaton, M.P., stating that the consent of the Australian colonies must be obtained before the penny postage between them and Great Britain can be considered.

The Premier adds, however, that if the colonies assented to the proposal a measure to regulate and legalize the penny postage could be immediately brought before Parliament.

It is reported that the Messengers Maritime Company have decided not to adopt the Torres Straits route to Australia.

SYDNEY, March 8th.

An extraordinary event occurred in Parliament this afternoon. At the usual hour the bells rang to call members, but two minutes later when the Speaker entered the Chamber only the Premier and 12 other Ministers and members were in their places. The Speaker cast his eye around, and astonished the assembled members by announcing that, there being no quorum present, the House stood adjourned. He immediately left the Chamber, and the sitting was at an end. Within two minutes there were fully 30 members in the Chamber engaged in an animated discussion on the occurrence.

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During an interview, one of the Mercantile Bank case juries, said the jury had made up their minds before leaving the box, and only retired for a smoke.

It has been ascertained that the cost to the Crown since the inception of the Mercantile Bank case has been \$1,000.

LONDON, March 9th.

Another terrible outrage by anarchists is reported this time from Rome. The object of the attack was the Chamber of Deputies in Rome, the intention of the anarchists being to wreck the Chamber and destroy the lives of some of the members in emulation of the action of Valiant in the French Chamber. The House had been in session during the day, and shortly after the adjournment a bomb exploded. The Chamber building itself was damaged, and almost wrecked by the force of the explosion, and seven deputies who were in the hall or vicinity were more or less seriously wounded. A scene of intense excitement followed the event, and the police had been actively engaged in trying to find the perpetrators of the outrage. Several arrests of suspected persons have been made, and more are expected to follow. It is expected that the whole plot will be laid bare. This further outrage within the precincts of a Parliament has caused a profound sensation.

The trial of Daniel Coughlin for the murder of Dr. Crozier on the night of May 4th, 1892, was concluded in Cheltenham yesterday. The evidence at the trial, which extended over a long period, showed that the prisoner and Dr. Crozier had been bad friends for a number of years. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty, and the accused was acquitted.

The general elections throughout Japan have resulted in a victory for the Liberals.

The Parnellite Party in the House of Commons has issued a manifesto in connection with the recent changes in the British Cabinet. In the manifesto the party warns the people to beware of treachery in regard to the Home Rule question.

Serious allegations have been made against certain officers of Birmingham Arsenal. It is alleged that they practised a system of blackmail on the workmen. The mode of operation is said to be that the officers threatened to prevent the promotion or to bring about the removal of men unless they made them certain payments. The matter has been reported to the authorities, and two arrests have been made on suspicion.

The trial has taken place at Barcelona of the persons charged with extensive forgeries of French bank notes.

Twenty of them were sentenced to terms of imprisonment of nine years each, and five men and two women were acquitted.

A daring gunpowder plot has been discovered at Yokohama. The plot aimed at taking the lives of the Emperor, his heir, the Ministers of the Crown, and many men of means, as well as to destroy the shrines. [This evidently refers to the Cenotaph gunpowder plot, recently reported in this journal.]—Ed. H.K.T.

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A body of rebels at Hayti has captured a warship belonging to the Haytian Government. The cargo of munitions of war was landed and the crew were all shot by order of the rebel commander, General Hippolyte.

What is supposed to be an explosion caused by anarchists is reported from New York. A bomb was exploded in a saloon in the Italian quarter of the city, but fortunately no lives were lost. There is no clue to the perpetrator of the outrage.

The British gunboat *Widgeon* has shelled near the rebel chief at Gondor, the capital of Gambia, West Africa. During the bombardment 60 natives were killed.

In an interview with Sir Thomas M'Ilwraith, in Queensland, the Marquis of Ripon, Secretary of State for the Colonies, said he was in favour

of the Pacific cable between Australia and Canada. He added that he was considering the question of reciprocal commercial relations between the mother country and her colonies, but that he must for the present defer dealing with other subjects included in Sir Thomas M'Ilwraith's mission to England.

Lord Ripon promised to urge the Government to subsidise the new Canadian-Australian mail service.

An internal machine was exploded yesterday outside the Chamber of Deputies at Rome, seriously injuring eight persons and mortally wounding a ninth. The windows of the Chamber were smashed.

The British police have made a raid on Nihilists at Warsaw. A large number of arrests were made. One of the suspected Nihilists, a student, was arrested and shot an officer dead, besides wounding three others. A printing press belonging to the Nihilists was also seized.

The proposed commercial treaty between Germany and Russia was adopted by the committee of the German Reichstag by a majority of four.

A cable despatched from Rio de Janeiro gives particulars of insults to the British and German flags. Emboldened by the absence of the British and German warships from the harbour of Rio the insurgents fired upon the British and German envoys. The absence of the warships was due to the prevalence of yellow fever in the port. It is expected the insurgents will be promptly called to account.

Reports from India state that the force of Sepoys under Captain Maxwell, which was sent out to the frontier of Assam to subdue the hill tribes in revolt, has been placed in a critical situation.

The expedition was engaged in a severe conflict with the Abor tribe for two days, and ultimately the British force was defeated and obliged to beat a retreat.

A relief party of 30 men, belonging to a rifle regiment sent out with rations to the British officer, had been annihilated, and all the routes leading to the beleaguered force had been blocked by the enemy.

In subduing the Abor hill tribes on the Assam frontier he has not been cut to pieces by the enemy, as reported. The column is said to be quite safe.

They burnt the native town of Membu, which is three days' march from their quarters.

FOOCHOW NOTES.

FOOCHOW, March 31st, 1894.

The wheat crop is expected to be a very abundant one this spring.

The Provincial Treasury has notified that a partial eclipse of the sun will take place on Friday next, the 6th proximo, beginning at 10 a.m. and lasting till 3 p.m.

Some benevolent natives have opened a hospital outside the east-gate of the city for the relief of the sick poor, free of charge. It has been named Sut-poo and its establishment is regarded as a great boon by the people of the neighbourhood.

A fatal accident occurred on the river on Monday last. It appears that a sampan conveying a passenger across the river ran into a junk which was under sail and capsized. The passenger, being unable to swim, was drowned, while the sampan man saved his life by clinging to his overturned boat.

Higher there has been no *lithia* tax charged on small quantities than one picul of tea taken into the city, but the *lithia* Taotai having discovered that this has been taken advantage of by large dealers to the loss of the *lithia* revenue, has imposed a tax on any quantity weighing over three catties.

A wealthy native residing at the north gate of the city engaged a theatrical troupe to give an entertainment to his friends on the anniversary of his birthday. The cook of the establishment being desirous of seeing the performance left his kitchen to take care of itself, and through some mishap a fire broke out during his absence. The kitchen was completely gutted, but fortunately the fire was discovered in time, and precautions were successfully taken to prevent the flames spreading to the house.

A bungling thief was caught and delivered over to the authorities this week. He went into a goldsmith's shop and asked to see some bangles. As the first shown him did not suit him the goldsmith turned round to get another from his case. Quick as lightning the thief changed the first gold bangle for a copper one, which he left on the counter while he was examining the second one. The goldsmith's practised eye quickly discovered the trick; he caught the fellow, gave him a good thrashing and then handed him over to the mercy of the authorities.

It is well known that native emigrants to foreign countries who have been successful in making fortunes fear to come back to their own homes on account of the squeezing they know they will have to undergo by yambo runners and petty mandarins. This matter has lately been brought to the notice of the Viceroy and the Tartar-General and a proclamation has been issued directing the magistrates to look specially at the *lithia* *taotai* and *lithia* *taotai* to see that they will not be unduly taxed.

Tade returns of Russia for the first nine months of last year, compared with those of the corresponding period of 1892, show an increase to the value of 95,660,000 rubles in imports and 42,900,000 in exports.

Alexander III has just affixed his signature to a new law, not being elaborated by the Council of the Russian Empire,